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For: Radioligand and Binding Assay

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Response to January 6, 2003 Restriction Requirement

Sir:

This is in response to the January 6, 2003 office action, a response to which is due February 6, 2003. Please amend the claims as follows:

Remarks

The Examiner required restriction to one of 7 groups of inventions, each corresponding to compounds and methods for assessing characteristics of test compounds for blocking an I_{K_r} channel. The Examiner indicated that the compounds and methods of I to VII are distinct inventions.

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